

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 443

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Devin James Tidwell,
2009 Valedictorian of Creek Wood High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Devin James "D.J." Tidwell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Creek Wood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, D.J. has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through his involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Tidwell has given of his time and many talents as a member of the Creek Wood High School Band, which he served as Officer/Captain and Drum Major; a three-year member of the Beta Club; Vice President of the Science Club; Vice President of the Future Teachers of America; and Vice President of the French Club; and

WHEREAS, equally involved in his community, D.J. volunteers for Ronald McDonald House Charity events and for Beautification of Dickson County; he also tutors his fellow students in various subjects; and

WHEREAS, he is a faithful member of Sylvia Baptist Church, where he is active in the youth group; and

WHEREAS, D.J. also participates in the Renaissance Center Community Band Christmas Concerts and as a member of the Creek Wood High School wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards for his many noteworthy accomplishments, D.J. Tidwell has been the honored recipient of academic awards for excellent performance in science and French; he has also received an Award for Excellence from the Dickson County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the University of Tennessee Knoxville Engineers Day during his sophomore through senior years, placed third in the aluminum boat float and second in the titration race at the Austin Peay State University ExpOlympics, attended the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, and won first place in the local science fair at Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tidwell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Rachel and James Luster and Douglas Tidwell, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, D.J.'s dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Creek Wood High School Valedictorian, Devin James Tidwell, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.